

and violence at the hands of their colonizers. Although there were titular local leaders, the reestablishment of a substantive government, under the control of the indigenous people, was essential to regaining and preserving cultural identity. This process began approximately five months after American troops wrested control of the Northern Marianas from the Japanese in the 1944 Battle for Saipan.

In December of that year, Chamorro and Carolinian survivors of the war, interned at Camp Chalan Kanoa, elected a high chief in their first exercise of American democracy. The office of high chief was later renamed chief commissioner, after the United States naval government implemented a municipal charter for Saipan during the post-war years. Municipal governments developed in similar fashion on the Northern Islands, Tinian and Aguiguan, and Rota. During the early days of an emerging democracy in the islands, the chief commissioner served as the principal liaison between the local political structure that was being established and the U.S. naval administration, and in a role now more identified with the office of the governor. The chief commissioner was responsible for overseeing the work of the several departments which comprised the executive branch: the treasury, economics, public works, education, public health, and public safety. This official was also responsible for preparing the municipality's annual budget; proposing legislation to the legislature, which at that time was made up of commissioners and councilmen; and serving as the judge of the municipal court.

With the adoption of the Covenant and the formation of a constitutional government, each of the island municipalities has continued to elect a local executive. These mayors are charged with advising the governor on government operations and matters concerning their respective municipalities. They also administer government programs, public services, and appropriations provided by law; conduct public hearings with respect to government operations and local matters; coordinate any provision of federal programs extended to their respective municipalities; act as the principal local official for mobilizing resources and coordinating response and recovery efforts in the face of emergencies; in consultation with the Municipal Council, submit items for inclusion in the proposed budgets for both government operations and capital improvement projects; and, in the case of Rota, and Tinian and Aguiguan, appoint, in consultation with the head of the respective executive branch department, all resident department heads.

In recent years, mayors of the Northern Islands, Saipan, Tinian and Aguiguan, and Rota have contributed greatly to the quality of life in the Northern Mariana Islands. The mayors have participated in the Commonwealth-wide street naming project, they have hosted cultural and educational symposia, they have spearheaded the development of public lands and coordinated infrastructure improvements, and, on a daily basis, they coordinate the provision of public services to the residents of their islands.

I ask you to join me today in honoring the past and present mayors of the local municipalities that comprise the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The mayors of Saipan, from the dark days of the war to the present include: Gregorio San Nicolas Sablan, Elias Parong Sablan, Ignacio Villagomez

Benavente, Vicente Diaz Sablan, Luis Arriola Benavente, Francisco Manibusan Diaz, Jose Santos Rios, Gilbert Castro Ada, Jose Mettao Taitano, Jesus Sablan Guerrero, Jose Camacho Sablan, Juan Borja Tudela, and Donald Glenn Flores.

The mayors of the Northern Islands: Daniel Pangelinan Castro, Vicente Matagolai Aldan, Ambrosio Satur Ruben, Joseph Taman Ogumoro, Valentin Igisaiair Taisakan, and Tobias Dela Cruz Aldan; and before, the District Administrator Representatives Juan Mettao and the long-serving Francisco Borja Kaipat.

The atkadi, commissioners, and mayors of Rota: Carlos Songsong Calvo, Andres Camacho Atalig, Tomas Camacho Mendiola, Melchor Songsong Mendiola, Juan Camacho Diaz, Manuel Ada Manglona, Antonio Camacho Atalig, Prudencio Taisacan Manglona, Joseph Songao Inos, Benjamin Taisacan Manglona, and Melchor Atalig Mendiola.

The commissioners and mayors of Tinian and Aguiguan: Jose Manglona Hocog, Juan Cruz Villagomez, Jose Reyes Cruz, Antonio Simabukuru Borja, Henry Gikibai Hofschneider, William Villagomez Hofschneider, Felipe Camacho Mendiola, Herman Muna Manglona, Ignacio King Quichocho, James Masga Mendiola, Francisco Manglona Borja, Jose Pangelinan San Nicolas, and Ramon Muna Dela Cruz.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) on May 24 after 6 p.m. and for today on account of personal matters.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of a death in the family.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1673. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Dryers and Room Air Conditioners [Docket Number: EERE-2007-BT-STD-0010] (RIN: 1904-AA89) received April 21, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1674. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Obstetrical and Gynecological Devices; Classification of the Hemor-

rhoid Prevention Pressure Wedge [Docket No.: FDA-2011-N-0118] received May 2, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1675. A letter from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting a report providing information on U.S.-funded international broadcasting efforts in Iran pursuant to the requirements of Section 1264 of the National Defense Authorization Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1676. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 pursuant to Section 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1677. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning proposed amendments to parts 120 and 124 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), promulgated pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. Section 2778 et seq; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1678. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Protective Regulations for Killer Whales in the Northwest Region Under the Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act [Docket No.: 070821475-91169-02] (RIN: 0648-AV15) received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1679. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 101029427-0609-02] (RIN: 0648-XA301) received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1680. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 101126522-0640-02] (RIN: 0648-XA319) received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1681. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30776; Amdt. No. 3420] received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1682. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Creighton, NE [Docket No.: FAA-2010-1170; Airspace Docket No. 10-ACE-13] received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1683. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; West Yellowstone, MT [Docket No.: FAA-2010-1209; Airspace Docket No. 10-ANM-10] received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1684. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Kahului, HI [Docket No.: FAA-2010-1233; Airspace Docket No. 10-AWP-21] received May 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1685. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Report on the Great Lakes Ecosystem to Congress as required by Section 118 of the Clean Water Act; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1686. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, transmitting Amtrak's Fiscal Year 2012 General and Legislative Annual Report pursuant to Section 24315(b) of Title 49 U.S. Code and the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010" (P.L. 111-117); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1687. A letter from the Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Security Standards, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Reporting of Security Issues [Docket No.: TSA-2009-0014; Amendment No. 1503-4] (RIN: 1652-AA66) received April 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BACHUS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1315. A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, with an amendment (Rept. 112-89). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. HERGER, and Mr. REICHERT):

H.R. 1978. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the disclosure of certain tax return information for the purpose of missing or exploited children investigations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 1979. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation to include additional chapter 61 disability retirees, to coordinate eligibility for combat-related special compensation and concurrent receipt, to eliminate the reduction of SBP survivor annuities by dependency and indemnity compensation, and to enhance the ability of members of the reserve components who serve on active duty or perform active service to receive credit for such service in determining eligibility for early receipt of non-regular service retired pay; to the Com-

mittee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RUNYAN (for himself, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LANCE, Mr. GRIMM, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. BACHUS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. FLORES, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. TURNER, Mr. CRITZ, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. MCCOTTER):

H.R. 1980. A bill to authorize the Gold Star Mothers National Monument Foundation to establish a national monument in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 1981. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to child pornography and child exploitation offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REICHERT (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 1982. A bill to provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. STARK, and Mr. POLIS):

H.R. 1983. A bill to provide for the rescheduling of marijuana and for the medical use of marijuana in accordance with the laws of the various States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. POLIS (for himself, Mr. STARK, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts):

H.R. 1984. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to allow States to certify a business as legitimate for purposes of a financial institution's suspicious activity reporting requirements, facilitate unambiguous compliance of such businesses with State law, and provide regulatory relief for financial institutions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. POLIS, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts):

H.R. 1985. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for expenses in connection with the trade or business of selling marijuana intended for patients for medical purposes pursuant to State law; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky (for himself, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. BOUSTANY, and Mr. SCALISE):

H.R. 1986. A bill to exempt the natural aging process in the determination of the production period for distilled spirits under section 263A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ACKERMAN:

H.R. 1987. A bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to provide insurance coverage for certain indirect investors caught in Ponzi schemes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself and Mr. SCHWARTZ):

H.R. 1988. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the qualifying

therapeutic discovery project credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Appropriations, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 1989. A bill to withdraw certain Federal lands and interests located in Pima and Santa Cruz counties, Arizona, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 1990. A bill to expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 1991. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 1992. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian tribes to transfer the credit for electricity produced from renewable resources; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HERGER (for himself, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mr. MCKINLEY):

H.R. 1993. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify timing rules for determining gross income with respect to certain construction contracts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. WU, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 1994. A bill to improve foreign language instruction; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. LOEBACK (for himself, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, and Mr. COURTNEY):

H.R. 1995. A bill to establish an Office of Specialized Instructional Support in the Department of Education and to provide grants to State educational agencies to reduce barriers to learning; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. NUNES, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. HERGER, and Mr. FLAKE):

H.R. 1996. A bill to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, with respect to the award of fees and other expenses in cases brought against agencies of the United States, to require the Administrative Conference of the United States to compile, and make publically available, certain data relating to the Equal Access to Justice Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MILLER of Florida (for himself, Mr. ROSS of Arkansas, Mr. LATTA, and Mr. SHULER):

H.R. 1997. A bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to ensure that amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 1998. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to permit the District of Columbia to impose a tax on income